

Notes

Project 2010-14 Balancing Authority Reliability-based Control

Wednesday, February 16, 2011 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET
Teleconference and Webinar Information

Administration

a. Introductions and Quorum

The Chair brought the call to order at 10:00 a.m. EST on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. Call participants were:

Larry Akens, TVA, Chair	Dave Folk, First Energy	Bill Herbsleb, PJM
Howard Illian, Energy Mark	Steve Myers, ERCOT	Leroy Patterson, Patterson Consulting
Mike Potishnak, ISONE	Mark Prosperi-Porta, BCTC	Guy Quintin, HQTE
Glenn Stephens, Santee Cooper, Vice Chair	Tom Washburn, FMPP	Don Badley, NWPP, Observer
Robert Blohm, Consultant, Observer	Wayne Van Liere, LG&E, Observer	Leslie Saponaro, FERC Observer
Scott Sells, FERC Observer	Ed Dobrowolski, NERC	

b. NERC Anti-trust Guidelines and Conference Call Advice – Ed Dobrowolski

No questions were raised on the NERC Anti-trust Guidelines and conference call advice was provided.

c. Review Agenda and Conference Call Objectives – Larry Akens

Several items were added to the agenda: review of last meeting minutes, project prioritization update, BAAL field trial update, BCTC transmission issues, and TEC field trial update.

The main objective of the call was to continue the development of the draft standards.

Agenda

1. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

One correction was noted to the previous meeting minutes. On item #8c, the phrase "... and BAL-007..." was deleted as shown.

"After considerable discussion, the SDT agreed (with one negative vote and one abstention) to table any work on BATL due to a lack of resources, time, and discernible problems."

2. Project Prioritization Update – Ed Dobrowolski

The NERC Standards Committee met last Friday and made their decision on project prioritization. This project did not make the cut. Exactly how that decision will impact on the SDT isn't known as yet. The topic will be discussed at this week's NERC Board of Trustees meeting. Following that meeting and a final executive decision, Allen Mosher, Chair of the NERC Standards Committee, and Herb Schrayshuen, VP of Standards at NERC, are expected to issue a joint communiqué with instructions to the affected SDT's as to how they should proceed in the near term. There is also no date certain for when this project might bump up onto the active project list. It is anticipated that SDT's will be encouraged to continue to work albeit unofficially.

FERC staff has adopted the position that any prioritization efforts are an industry concern and should be industry driven.

3. BAAL Field Trail Update – Larry Akens

Larry has set up the regular monthly field trial update conference calls under his aegis starting on February 28, 2011. He has updated the field trial documents and will be posting them to the web site on Friday.

The SDT is still looking to add participants. Ed needs to follow through with Andy Rodriguez on the posting of the letter seeking additional participants NERC-wide.

AI – Ed will follow up with Andy Rodriguez on the progress for posting the letter seeking additional BAAL field trial participants through the larger NERC-wide mail server.

Carrying on the field trial during any project hiatus due to project prioritization was discussed by the NERC Standards Committee. For 2011, this is not seen as a problem. In all likelihood, the issue will need to be officially re-addressed for 2012. However, the importance of continuing the field trial during the gray period and the impact of concluding the field trial has been forwarded to the NERC Standards Committee and NERC management. Both parties have acknowledged these facts.

4. BCTC Transmission Issue – Mark Prosperi-Porta

BCTC recently saw an OTC transmission Issue that may be connected to the BAAL field trial. The issue revolves around BCTC's physical position between Alberta and WECC. They have turned the issue over to the WECC Performance Working Group for investigation. There is an outstanding question as to what the Reliability Coordinator can or will do in such situations that must be resolved. At first glance, the problem seems to be exactly what BATL is designed to prevent.

5. Manual Time Error Correction Field Trial Update – Larry Akens

The NERC Resources Subcommittee is charged with providing a plan for the field trial to the NERC Operating Committee at their March meeting. The SDT should review this plan and comment as appropriate. It appears that the recommendation will be to stop manual time error correction completely, i.e., cold turkey, rather than adopting an incremental approach.

6. Review BAL-001 – Tom Siegrist

Tom was unable to participate on the call but he distributed an updated draft prior to the meeting. In general, comments were embedded in the draft. However, one key element of the discussion was the difference between ACE and the proposed term 'Reporting ACE'. The SDT is interested in using the term 'Reporting ACE' which would be defined for inclusion in the NERC Glossary. This could cause a problem with other standards that utilize the term ACE. In some of the instances where ACE is employed, it may be necessary to change the term to 'Reporting ACE'. This would mean that the SDT would have to crosscheck all existing standards for the use of ACE and submit appropriate changes where required. Use of the new term also causes some logistical problems. The term is used in BAL-001 but currently defined in BAL-005. Once a standard is approved, definitions are stripped out of page 2 of the development record and entered into the NERC Glossary. However, while standards are under development any new definition must be included on page 2 of the draft wherever they are used. If the 'Reporting ACE' definition is included in BAL-001, why not just move the appropriate requirements from BAL-005 to BAL-001 and have all of the regulating requirements in one place? This would leave only a few requirements in BAL-005 and it may be a good idea to move them as well and just retire BAL-005.

Tom's sub-team was tasked with updating BAL-001 given the comments provided during the call and to coordinate with Guy's sub-team on the disposition of 'Reporting ACE' and other requirements in BAL-005. The subsequent update to BAL-001 will be the prime topic of discussion on the March 10th conference call.

AI - Tom's sub-team was tasked with updating BAL-001 given the comments provided during the call and to coordinate with Guy's sub-team on the

disposition of 'Reporting ACE' and other requirements in BAL-005 for discussion on the March 10th conference call.

7. Review BAL-002 – Jerry Rust

This item was not discussed due to time constraints.

8. Update on BAL-005 – Guy Quintin

This item was not discussed due to time constraints.

9. Update on BAL-006 – Bill Herbsleb

This item was not discussed due to time constraints.

10. Next Steps – Larry Akens

This project is currently ranked #14 on the prioritization list and the projected cutoff is #12. With any luck at all, this project could be looking at a relatively short hiatus. It is therefore considered extremely important for the team to stay together and to continue to work in some fashion. During the hiatus, SDT's will probably be encouraged to stay active to some degree albeit without the use of NERC resources and without being able to post documents. It would be beneficial to be able to hit the ground running when this project is turned back up.

Larry suggested that the team try to continue to move forward but with a temporarily reduced scope. Emphasis could be placed on trying to 'complete' BAL-001 during the hiatus. This would allow the SDT to be ready to post BAL-001 as soon as it gets the approval to re-start and this would have the added benefit of accelerating the schedule to resolve the BAAL field trial. People are asking questions as to just how long this field trial is going to go on. If the SDT could move forward quickly with BAL-001, it would answer that question. Ed volunteered to work with the SDT as his schedule permits to assist in the creation of the formal documents needed to move BAL-001 along. This would be on an unofficial basis as NERC resources are to be utilized only on the high priority projects.

As time permits during the hiatus, the SDT could continue to work on BAL-002, BAL-005, and BAL-006. Anyone having comments on those drafts should distribute them to the mail server which will be available during the hiatus. The latest drafts of all four current project standards were distributed following the meeting so that all members have the latest updates in one place.

11. Future Meetings – All

There will be a conference call and webinar on Thursday, March 10, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET. The topic will be BAL-001. Details will be distributed.

The face-to-face meeting on Tuesday, March 15 -16, 2011 and Thursday, March 17, 2011 in Charlotte, NC has been cancelled.

AI – Ed will notify Dave McRee of the cancellation of the Charlotte meeting.

The face-to-face meeting on April 5 -7, 2011 in Orlando, FL may still take place on an unofficial basis but it may be moved to the week of March 28 – April 1, 2011. Ed will contact Tom to see if these new dates are acceptable. However, Ed will not be able to support this effort during the week of March 28th due to previous commitments.

AI – Ed to contact Tom Washburn about changing the dates of the Orlando meeting.

The conference calls and webinars scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ET, Thursday, April 21, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ET, and Thursday April 28, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. ET - 2:00 p.m. ET remain on the calendar at this time. Decisions on retaining these dates will be made on the March 10, 2011 call.

12. Action Items & Schedule – Ed Dobrowolski

Action items from the previous meeting were reviewed:

- Ed to distribute an updated roster. This item was completed.
- Larry to send the letter asking for additional BAAL field trial participants to Ed. This item was completed.
- Ed will post the letter asking for additional BAAL field trial participants on the NERC exploder. The letter was forwarded to Andy Rodriguez but hasn't been posted as yet. See new action item #1 below.
- Larry will follow through on the clean up and publication of the field trial document(s). This item will be completed on Friday when Larry posts the documents.
- Larry to contact WECC on the decision to table the work on BATL and BAL-007. This item was completed. WECC did not express any concerns at this time.
- Ed to check on the logistics for the March meeting. The meeting has been cancelled. See new action item #3 below.
- Ed to check on the logistics for the April meeting. The projected dates have been changed. See new action item #4 below.

The following action items were developed during this call:

- Ed will follow up with Andy Rodriguez on the progress for posting the letter seeking additional BAAL field trial participants through the larger NERC-wide mail server.
- Tom's sub-team was tasked with updating BAL-001 given the comments provided during the call and to coordinate with Guy's sub-

team on the disposition of 'Reporting ACE' and other requirements in BAL-005 for discussion on the March 10, 2011 conference call.

- Ed will notify Dave McRee of the cancellation of the Charlotte meeting.
- Ed to contact Tom Washburn about changing the dates of the Orlando meeting.

13. Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the call at 2:00 p.m. ET.